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**RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.